(c) what are the reasons for not showing any improvement in their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**Fire damages Indian Airlines Boeing in New Delhi**

347. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mysterious fire damaged Indian Airlines Boeing in New Delhi as reported in the Indian Express of the 2nd November, 1991; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Boeing 737 aircraft VT-EGM was undergoing final inspection of Check II in Hanger No. 2 on 29th October, 1991 when a bright flash was seen by the people working in the forward cargo-hold as well as in the cabin. After the flash fire|smoke was observed along No. 2 cabin window on the right side of the aircraft, personnel of Check II rushed with fire extingunishers and brough the fire under control. The main oxygen pipeline at floor board level below window No. 2 was found broken|burnt and a further piece of about one foot length was missing.

**Requirements of Coal in Power and other sectors**

348. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total requirements of Coal for consumpton in generation of electricty and in other industries;

(b) how much of it is being met by domestic production and now much of it is being imported; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to see that all the Electric Power generating units in India have steady and non-stop supply of coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The assessed demand for coal of various consuming sectors in the country during the year 1991-92 is as under:—

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|---|---|
| 1. Steel (Coking) | 30.60 |
| Coke Oven | 1.80 |
| 2. Power (Utilities) | 132.70 (2.91) |
| 3. Railways | 4.70 |
| 4. Cement | 12.70 |
| 5. Fertilizer | 4.00 |
| 6. BRK & Others | 29.70 (0.20) |
| 7. Power (Captive) | 14.70 (2.10) |
| 8. Soft Coke Manufacturing/LTC | 2.00 |
| 9. SSF Plants | 1.00 (0.03) |
| 10. Export | 0.20 |
| 11. Sponge Iron/ Mini Blast Furnaces | 0.90 |
| 12. Colleiry Consumption | 4.10 |
| TOTAL : | 239.10 (5.24) |

(Figures in brackets indicate washery middlings).

(b) Indigenous coal production is by and large adequate to meet the overall demand of various consumers except the steel plants. It cannot be said with certainty at this stage as to how much coking coal will be imported in the current year, since it is contingent on factors like availability of foreign exchange, etc.

(c) The Ministry of Coal is taking following steps to improve supply of coal to thermal power stations:—

(i) Production of coal by coal companies is being monitored on daily basis, and efforts are being made to meet the production targets.

(ii) Efforts are being made to step up despatch of coal to the thermal power stations by increasing rail loading and ensuring maximum supply through other means like road, conveyor belt etc.

(iii) Coal supply to power houses is being monitored regularly and appropriate action is being taken immediately to meet any deficit.

**Demand for a balanced policy on Textiles**

349. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for which export of cotton yarn has been banned w.e.f. 20th September, 1991, when there is no scarcity;

(b) whether the Ministry will follow a balanced policy on "Textile" Industry as regards cotton exports, availability of yarn to decentralised sector and exports of cotton cloth, yarn, apparels; what are the proposals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) In order to ameliorate the difficulties of decentralised handloom and powerloom weavers arising out of high prices declining availability of cotton yarn, Government have suspended cotton yarn exports with effect from 21st September 1991. However, the following categories of exports were later exempted from the suspension order:—

(i) Exports under Advance Licensing 100% per cent EOU Scheme.

(ii) Exports to countries where cotton yarn exports from India are under quantitative restrainst (EEC).

(iii) Cotton yarn of accounts 60s and above.

(iv) Where export obligation of cotton yarn has been undertaken against import of capital goods at concessional duty.

(b) Yes Sir. However, the Government from time to time weighs the benefits from exports of cotton yarn *vis-a-vis* the requirements of decentralised sector and takes steps to make a balance between various competing national interests.

**कोल इंडिया लि० की बिगड़ती हुई वित्तीय स्थिति**

350. **श्री रणजीत सिंह** : क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड को प्रतिवर्ष भारी वित्तीय हानि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संगठन को 1989–90 और 1990–91 की वर्षों तथा 1991–92 की प्रथम छमाही में कुल कितनी हानि हुई;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस आर्थिक हानि को देखते हुए सरकार